New Projects or Extensions

I-294/I-57 Interchange

Central Lake County Corridor (IL 53 North and IL 120)

The Blue Ribbon Committee met in December and continues to consider a number of project design concepts. CMAP is providing technical assistance, both in committee support and transportation demand modeling. A design charette was held for the committee in early January, with data regarding a number of arterial/expressway alternatives provided by CMAP.

Elgin O'Hare Expressway Improvements (including Western O'Hare Bypass)

A Federal Register Notice was issued to add the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) as a joint lead agency because ISTHA will be the primary agency responsible for implementing the project.

The Finance Committee met on December 1st, and discussed Elk Grove Village's proposal to replace the north leg of the bypass with improvements on existing arterials. This would require a different source of funding, since the Illinois Tollway cannot fund arterial improvements. This is also a different project than what was considered by the Tollway for inclusion in the capital program. If this proposal were to move forward, the revised Elgin O'Hare/Western Bypass project concept would have to be considered by the ISTHA board again.

The project consultant has compiled a list of in-kind contribution and cost reduction options. One of the largest potential areas for in kind contribution is the donation of right-of-way by municipalities and the county, but a broad spectrum of additional categories have been compiled, including municipal and private services and materials in the categories of aesthetics, environmental, roadway, utilities and transit.

CTA South Red Line Extension

West Loop Transportation Center / Union Station Master Plan

A website for the project was established <u>www.unionstationmp.org</u>.

The first public meeting for the Union Station Master Plan process was held on December 15th.

Presentation materials from the public meeting are posted on the project website.

Expressway Additions and Improvements

I-190 Access Improvements

I-80 Add Lanes (US 30 to US 45)

This project is essentially completed, with some minor punch list work to be completed in the spring. Work on the noise barriers will continue through calendar year 2012.

I-88 Add Lanes

I-94 Add Lanes North

This project is essentially complete.

Managed Lanes and Multimodal Corridors

I-55 Managed Lanes

I-90 Managed Lanes

I-290 Multimodal Corridor

The Illinois Department of Transportation released an Alternatives Identification and Evaluation Draft Interim Report in November 2011. This document, which will continue to be updated as the planning process advances, describes the alternatives development and evaluation process and the initial range of alternatives being considered.

Transit Improvements

CTA North Red and Purple Line Improvements

Metra UP West Improvements

Metra Rock Island Improvements

Metra SouthWest Service Improvements

Metra UP North Improvements

Metra UP Northwest Improvements and Extension

Regional Transit Signal Priority

Fiscally Constrained Projects Other

CREATE

The \$19.5 million railroad modernization project along the Indiana Harbor Belt between 123rd Street and the Cal-Sag Channel (B12) was completed in November. The project added a third main line of rail track and updated signals on the IHB along with a new rail bridge over 127th Street. The \$19.5 million project was funded using 80% federal funds, and 20% railroad funds. So far, 12 CREATE projects have been completed.

Regional Transit Signal Priority

Illiana Expressway

The second round of public meetings was held in Matteson IL and Crown Point IN on December 13th

The draft Purpose and Need document was published December 1st and comments were due by January 4th.

The public was also invited to submit alternatives using a blank map they can download from the project website and draw on. Alternatives were due by January 4th.

South Suburban Airport

Fiscally Unconstrained Active Projects

DuPage "J" Line

Pace is working with CMAP to identify the most promising corridor for further study.

South Lakefront Corridor

Central Area Transitway

I-80 Add/Managed Lanes (Grundy County Line to US 30)

IL 394

Metra Heritage Corridor

Metra SouthEast Service Corridor

Metra STAR Line Corridor

The Star Line Alternatives Analysis final public meeting is scheduled.

Metra BNSF Extension

Prairie Parkway

FHWA has given approval for IDOT to move ahead with the associated add-lanes project on IL 47.